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FISH AND WILDLIFE UNIT SAVES BOY'S LIFE

An eight-year-old Tennessee mountain boy, Shirley Evans, owes his life to personnel of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge and to their mobile radio units, the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Wildlife Refuges discloses.

The son of Norman Evans, a Refuge cooperative farmer, Shirley was dying from an advanced stage of pneumonia. The Evans home is 40 miles from the nearest town, Paris, Tenn., and the Evans family has no means of transportation or communication. There appeared to be little chance for outside medical care.

But Eugene Cypert, a Refuge biologist, and W. C. McDaniel, a Refuge patrolman, stopping by the isolated Evans home in a fire patrol car, discovered the youngster's plight. The Refuge officers immediately contacted the TVA central radio station in Paris, using the mobile radio unit in their car. A sedan was soon dispatched to bring the small patient to the Paris hospital.

Refuge and TVA employees in Paris took up a collection for hire of a private nurse. And three days later, the eight-year-old was out of danger and recovering from his illness--thanks to the excellent medical facilities at the hospital and to the mobile radio unit which enabled the Refuge officers to call for immediate help.

Mobile radio units have already proved their value in fire control and Refuge patrol work, but the feat of saving a human life can be considered "above and beyond the call of duty."

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